monsoon. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has indicated that in DDA colonies, the Sewerage system and storm water drainage system are separate to each other and are adequate to meet sudden spurt of monsoon.

(b) Delhi Jal Board has informed that in areas developed according to approved plan, proper sewage system is available. However, in case of unauthorised colonies, JJ clusters and rural villages some quantity of domestic waste water flows into the drains. MCD has informed that wherever sewer lines become non-functional, the connection pumping of sewage effluent is done through storm water drains. NDMC has reported that there are separate systems for drainage and sewerage in its areas. Irrigation and Flood Control Department has informed that sewage effluents enter into major storm water drains through the link drains resulting in siltation. However, desiltation of major drains is being undertaken annually. The DDA has indicated that sewer water flows through sewer line only and no sewer effluent flows through storm water drains.

Uniform basic syllabus

*178. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to have a unifrom basic syllabus all over the country;

(b) the States who have agreed to the proposal;

(c) whether the NCERT approved syllabus has been circulated among the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the essential features of the syllabus along with the other relevant details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The NCERT has prepared the National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005, which formed the basis for preparing new syllabi for school education. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), which consists of, *inter alia,* ministers of education from States/ UTs, approved the NCF-2005 in its meeting held on 6th & 7th September, 2005. Based on NCF-2005, NCERT has prepared a new syllabus for School Education. States are expected to frame their curricula and syllabi keeping in view the National Curriculum Framework and the syllabi based thereon.

(c) NCERT's syllabus based on National Curriculum Framework-2005 has been posted on NCERT's website www.ncert.nic.in. The syllabus is being circulated to all concerned including State Governments.

(d) Some of the main features of the new syllabus are:—

- Pervasive resonance of values enshrined in the Constitution of India in the organization of knowledge and subjects.
- Sensitivity to gender and social equality and the needs of children with special needs.
- Linkage between school knowledge and children's everyday experiences.
- Infusion of environment-related knowledge in different subjects, as also integration of peace and work-related attitudes and values in all subjects at all levels.
- Nurturing of scientific and social temper, aesthetic sensibility and values.
- Softening of boundaries between subject areas, thematic linkages, and centrality to activities and innovative teaching practices.

Uplinking and down-linking policy for TV channels

*179. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discussed report of the Group of Ministers set up earlier to formulate uplinking and down-linking policy for television channels;

(b) if so, the details of its recommendations;

(c) if so, whether these recommendations have already been submitted to his Ministry;

(d) if so, his Ministry's reaction thereto; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement them?